

Scottsmoor Community Association Minutes September 29th, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Marieanne Syverson. Other officers present were Arnie Benson, vice president, Kate Perez, secretary and Glenda VanGilder, treasurer.

Introductions of Guests –Wayne Sanders of the Scottsmoor Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station asked to read a statement that said (in part) that on Sept 23rd 2009, a decision was made to shut down the Scottsmoor Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station. This is due to the inadequate number of volunteers at the station and the inability to recruit new members. The property adjacent to the Scottsmoor Meeting Hall (currently owned by Scottsmoor Fire & Rescue) will be donated to the Scottsmoor Community Association for us to use as we see fit. Some of our firefighters will transfer to the Mims Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station; this station will begin to cover Scottsmoor's Fire & Rescue calls in the near future.

Other guests present were Justin Plourd and Frank Teschky.

The minutes from the previous meeting were handed out out. Arnie moved that the minutes be approved as distributed, Doug Chamberlain seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was made by Glenda VanGilder. The current total of our bank account is \$5073.21. Arnie moved that we approve the treasurer's report as read. Robbie Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Special thanks were offered to Bryan Kyle, Arnie Benson, Shirley Schuchman and Anita & Joe Goforth for all their work in running the 1st ever Scottsmoor Community Association Spaghetti Dinner, held before tonight's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Meeting Hall – Generator is back in position and wired up. Leak was motor oil. They excavated dirt, put in gravel and made sure there are no more leaks. Later they will put in a cement pad. We are awaiting our first power bill.

Float Committee - Bryan Kyle reported that the float committee has decided to paint the sides & front of the float, create a poinsettia and greenery border, and write 'Merry Christmas from the Scottsmoor Community Association' on the float.

Membership Committee – reported that we currently have 94 members.

Other – Marieanne reported that she received a call from *Florida Today* newspaper, from a woman who wrote an article called '*Titusville Close to Water Pact*' and the author was interested in writing some articles about Scottsmoor - in particular, about the land deal that was

recently made with the Miami Corporation. Marianne asked members for their input about whether we should encourage *Florida Today* to write about Scottsmoor.

Old Business:

Postal Issues – Arnie reported that we are waiting for feedback from Suzanne Kosmas. Marianne, reported that she had met Judy (the current postmaster) and that Judy showed an interest in being our full time postmaster. She also reported that the woman who is supposed to become our postmaster would prefer to stay where she is, in Tavares. Marianne asked Judy to let us know whom we can write to, in order to request Judy as our permanent Postmaster. Anita Goforth reported that she felt that Judy was very nice and willing to do whatever she could to help out our community.

Louis Morehead commented that the yard around the post office looks terrible. We need phone calls to Ms. Kosmas' office to complain about the condition of the property. Kate Perez reported that Judy had paid for the lawn around our post office to be mowed with her own money.

501 C-3 Status – Arnie reported that we will have to commit \$300 - \$500 to complete this process. This will give us a tax advantage. For example, we won't have to pay taxes on our electric bill, or the food we buy for the fund-raising dinners. We will also be able to get donations from Wal-Mart, Lowes and other Corporations; these only donate to 501 C-3s. Doug made a motion that we present the information for this at our next meeting. Glenda seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Activities

Spaghetti Dinner

Bryan, reported that we didn't make much profit this first time. We served 52 dinners, but some of the expenses were one time only. There was \$385.72 in income and \$329 of that will be used to cover the expenses.

Tai Chi Class

Kate Perez Reported that Tai Chi class will begin on Tuesday October 6 at 7pm. Any and all students are welcome. The fee will be \$5 per person and the format will be 'pay as you go.' The class will be offered at the beginner level.

Dance Class

Tom Perez reported that his swing (40s) dance class will begin at 8pm on Tuesday the 6th and the format will be the same (pay as you go, beginners welcome.) Please wear comfortable shoes that are not too 'grippy' for both classes!

Halloween plans (Haunted House) - our original plan for a Haunted House has fallen through due to closing of the Fire Dept. Marianne suggested that everybody dress up in Halloween costumes for our next meeting. We could have a costume contest, with prizes for the Most Original, Scariest (each paying \$10) and the Best Overall (\$50.) We could also offer bobbing for apples, candy and music. This event would start at 6pm.

Kate offered to provide the scary soundtrack. Arnie moved that we go ahead with this plan. Shirley seconded the motion. The motion carried

Jazzercise Lite – Instructor (Monica Benninghoff) was not present. Kate reported that this is scheduled for 5:45 on Tuesdays & Thursdays, beginning in October, and asked about the platform needed for the instructor. Arnie reported that he'd talked to Doug & Grady Wright; we can probably build platform for \$70 or less. Ed Rost made a motion that we spend the \$70 for this platform. Cathy Goff seconded the motion. The motion carried. The platform will be finished by the end of this weekend.

Doug added that we can get blinds for \$70 for the double windows across the front of our building and the two in the office, plus the single window over stove. Arnie made a motion that we get the blinds. Robbie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

Miami Corp. land purchase - we were expecting their representative at the meeting tonight but their representative didn't show up.

Marieanne read from the article entitled *Titusville Close to Water Pact*, "After an 8 year legal battle that cost the city (Titusville) almost \$2 million, Titusville is poised to enter into a joint venture with Miami Corp. to secure a future drinking water source near the Volusia County line." The property in question is in Scottsmeer, near Rt. 5 and this is what we had expected the representative from Miami Corp. to discuss at our meeting.

Marieanne also mentioned another recent article with the headline, 'Brevard Close to Accord for Welcome Center on I-95'. This will be near Aurantia Rd. near the current Rest Stop on I-95.

Piano Donation? Marieanne reported that the Salters have an old, upright piano that they are willing to donate to the Association. It will need a couple of hundred dollars in repairs. No one present plays piano or knew of someone who would use it in the Meeting Hall. Bryan made a motion that we politely pass on the piano donation. The motion was seconded by Pat Prudhomme. The motion carried.

Thanks Offered - Glenda offered her thanks to everyone who sent get well cards. Marieanne also thanked everyone who sent her get well cards.

Price Termite and Pest Control has donated their services to treat our building for an entire year. This was reported by Marieanne.

10. 50/50 - Bryan Kyle won. There was \$22.00 in the pot. Bryan's share was \$11.00.

11. Adjournment - Glenda Ceballos made the motion to adjourn.